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MR. CATTS' ELIGIBILITY.

The News has no objection to Mr. Sidney J. Catts becoming a candidate in the democratic primary, provided he is a democrat and can qualify under the law as such candidate.

Mr. Catts may hold peculiar views; he may be a demagogue; he may seek to stir up political prejudices and play upon the chords of religious prejudice; that is his privilege. It has been the privilege of others before his time, and will continue the privilege of others who are to follow.

If he is white, is registered as a democrat, will agree to support the nominees of the party primary, and, in case of his nomination, is qualified under the constitution to hold the office, he has the same rights as other democrats—no more and no less.

But it is on this latter requirement that Mr. Catts will fail, if fail he does, and not because of any peculiar views he may hold concerning the "Holy Roman Empire," the infallibility of the Pope, baptism of infants, predestination, or celibacy of the priesthood.

On this one point of Mr. Catts' eligibility to hold the office of Governor, the Pensacola News offers the following:

In view of the length of his residence in the state and the constitutional requirement as to eligibility for the office, there is much doubt as to whether Mr. Sidney J. Catts of DeFuniak Springs, could legally hold the office of governor of Florida if he should be elected. The News is not taking issue on the question, but has investigated the matter and is of the opinion that the people of the state are entitled to the information gathered.

People of DeFuniak Springs say that Rev. Catts came to Florida direct from Alabama, where he was born and reared, in June, 1911, and moved his family to the state in September, 1911. The constitution requires that a man to be eligible to hold the office of governor must have been a citizen and resident of the state for five years before the time of his election. Whether or not Mr. Catts became a citizen of Florida as soon as he could do so legally is not known. However, as one must reside in the state for one year before political citizenship can be established, Mr. Catts would not be eligible for the office of Governor until June, 1917, even though he became a qualified elector of Florida as soon as possible.

John S. Beard of Pensacola, whose thorough knowledge of constitutional law is well recognized in Florida, is of the opinion that one must have resided in the state, with intent of becoming a citizen, six years from the time he took up such residence to be eligible to the governorship. Mr. Beard is not taking issue in regard to any candidate for governor and merely gave his opinion in answer to a hypothetical question.

BRYAN'S ESTIMATE OF GEN. ROBERT E. LEE.

The birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee was fittingly observed at Miami by public exercises embodying a special program. William Jennings Bryan, who was among the speakers, delivered the most important address. Included in his remarks were the following words:

"I am glad to live in a day so far past the anger and ill will of the great war that north and south can meet as friends and commune as neighbors, when they are rivals only in their struggle to see which can do the most to promote the progress of the country."

"My father was a Virginian and I learned in boyhood of the affection in which the southern people hold their country. It is evident by the emotion that they show, how strong is their attachment to their representative people and their ideals. The South is fortunate in having such a character as Lee to twine its affections about. While Lee was a southerner by birth, he was at the same time an American whose life will be honored by the nation. As it has already pointed out, the difference between the north and south was not along sectional lines. The question of secession had first been discussed in the north. When it became a war question, then it became a sectional question. Even when people hope for the time to come when soldiers no longer will be called upon, we shall not forget those who gave themselves up when called to fight. Lee as a soldier, represents the highest type of soldier. When brought out in the limelight of publicity, his character stood inspection. Many others on both sides were as representative in type, but Lee

was brought into publicity and was proved the highest type of Christian citizenship and Americanism.

"History is made and time marked by those who, having convictions, are willing to live up to their convictions. Lee always measured up to his responsibilities and will be honored even when swords shall be beaten into plowshares. Nothing is worth living for if it is not worth dying for. The work of civilization is unending. We do well only when we stand ready to give that supreme test of devotion as Lee gave it."

REASONING WITHOUT LOGIC.

Here is one of William Jennings Bryan's terse arguments in his propaganda for peace:

The Washington Post, quoting an argument made in favor of preparedness, says that the following sentences sum up "The whole moral argument for preparedness."

Here are the two sentences so highly recommended: "So long as right and wrong exist in the world, there will be an inevitable conflict between them. The right does not must be prepared to protect and defend the right as against the wrong." The conclusion which the Post draws from the language is not a necessary conclusion. It is simply an opinion; and it does not prove that the contest between right and wrong must be fought out by physical force. There was a time when differences between individuals were fought out, but now they are settled by courts; it is not now necessary that each individual shall go about armed and prepared to protect and defend the right as against the wrong. Every step in human progress is a step away from contests fought on the brute level. Why, then, should anyone believe that war and preparations for war must go on forever?

It is true, as the Post says, that the claims to Universal Brotherhood are not everywhere recognized; that all racial prejudices are not abolished; that self-control can not be regarded as absolute. But the world has made progress toward peaceful settlements, and our country has led in the peace propaganda. There is every reason, therefore, why this nation should not abandon its ideals and turn back to slaughter house methods.

Two hundred refrigerator cars, loaded with Florida fruits and vegetables, leave Jacksonville every day for the northern market. Their equivalent in cash, or as near to it as is possible for the commission houses to arrive at it, comes back to the growers in mail sacks.

If any democrat has been disfranchised by that resolution, we are for reconvening the committee, but we have yet to hear of a disfranchised democrat under the committee's rules. A white man, registered as a democrat, and who agrees to support the nominees of the party, must be allowed to vote now just as he always has.

This is the second time The News has seconded the nomination of J. Hugh Reese of the Orlando Reporter-Star as delegate to the National Democratic Convention from the Fourth Congressional district. Other voices have come up in like manner from all parts of the district, and the motion is carried. You may place Joe Hugh on the primary ballot.

W. J. Hill is not supposed to know anything about sweet potatoes, but in tilling some of his ground yesterday he dug up two potatoes that combined in the enormous weight of 38 pounds. These are some sweet potatoes, and Mr. Hill brought them to the Herald office, where they are on exhibition for the delectation of strangers who have heard that you can't raise anything in Florida.—Sanford Herald. Now let us hear from W. A. Russell, of the Palatka News, about that 500-pound sweet potato raised at Crescent City.—Tallahassee Record.

It wasn't a sweet potato; it was a South American yam, raised by the late Judge J. L. Burton of Crescent City the seed of which he personally brought from Cuba. This yam was dug out of the ground in Judge Burton's yard and was weighed in the presence of Hon. James R. Howe, member of Congress from New York, and the editor of The Palatka News. This yam weighed 138 pounds—and it didn't seem to be a very good year for yams, either.

President Wilson has named Louis D. Brandeis of Boston for associate justice of the Supreme Court, and naturally there is opposition from certain other types of Americans who have no place in their affections for agitators. Mr. Brandeis is an agitator; he leans in his sympathies toward the rights of the people and has made his fights in their behalf. The conservative element—the special interests—don't want that kind of a man on the supreme bench. He might disturb the prevailing order. They call him an agitator. We hope he is.

The world needs agitators. If it hadn't been for agitators we would still be serfs instead of freemen, most of us. Brandeis is a Jew, and if his nomination is confirmed by the Senate he will be the first of his race to sit on the supreme bench. He is a democrat, a native of Louisville, Ky., and is 60 years of age. He defended the shippers in the general rate case, and to his efforts is due the investigation of the New Haven officials. His ability as a lawyer has never been questioned.

The News yields to no newspaper in the State in its admiration for Col. D. C. Gillett of the Tampa board of trade over his success in securing an emergency appropriation of \$300,000 from Congress with which to fight citrus canker, but we submit that a small degree of the credit should at least be awarded to Florida's able representatives in that Congress, who were a unit in advocating the matter. Mr. Gillett simply seconded their efforts. We also submit that it tends to spoil what credit is, by common consent, apportioned to Col. Gillett, when a number of State papers insist that his efforts should be rewarded with a seat in Congress or the Governorship. As if a man should be paid for every act performed for the common good with office. Gillett is personally interested in the eradication of citrus canker; he is the representative of the Tampa board of trade and the growers of his section and all other sections, and for the present it might be more modest for him to rest in the satisfaction which comes from the knowledge of a duty well done. Hundreds of intelligent growers throughout the State furnished material with which to impress Congress with the importance of this appropriation, and we can't give them all offices—not and have any left for the politicians.

* WHAT LEADING STATE *
* EDITORS ARE SAYING. *

Still Bitter—
Pensacola Journal: The Hon. Geo. Von Lieben Meyer, who attained fame a few years ago by closing the Pensacola navy yard, recently came out second best in a scrap in which one other person, Hon. Truxton Beale, was engaged. The former secretary of the navy had to undergo repairs in a hospital. Pensacola will back the Honorable Beale two to one in any scrap in which he might engage with Von Meyer and enjoy seeing the latter given what he gave Pensacola—a black eye. More power to Mr. Beale.

Why Not Abolish the Statutes?—
Orlando Reporter-Star: The Miami Metropolis demands: "Rescind those resolutions and trust the people. That is all that is necessary for Florida's safe action in selecting public officials." To which the St. Petersburg Times pertinently replies: "Why not abolish all the regulations and trust the people? Why not abolish all oaths and our legal procedure and trust the witness? Why not let down all bars and trust the people?"

For Men Only—
Orlando Reporter-Star: The Ocala Star observes that Billy Parker is holding meetings in Florida towns for men only, adding that such meetings are pretty apt to be of a kind at which gentlemen also are out of place. Billy doesn't want gentlemen at his meetings.

Compared to a Perfumed Poodle—
Lakeland Telegram: Old Ben Tillman doesn't talk much here of late years in the Senate because his health is frail and he is afraid of losing his temper, which might result in a stroke of paralysis; but he says something worth while whenever he opens his mouth. He is chairman of the Senate committee on naval affairs and knows all about the navy, and the other day in a brief speech he thoroughly roasted the Hon. George von Meyer, former secretary of the navy, who has been offensively loud here of late criticizing Secretary Daniels and his administration. Von Meyer is a snob, pur and simple, and he was the nearest approach to a total failure that has ever held the naval portfolio. Josephus Daniels, on the contrary, comes very near to being the best secretary of the navy the country ever had, as his actual administrative record shows. A perfumed pet poodle, with a dainty blue ribbon around his neck, fresh from his little bathtub, frantically barking behind the fence at a sidewalk, would be about the right comparison in sizing up the Hon. von Meyer and Secretary Daniels.

Has All the Political Ear-Marks—
Lakeland Telegram: It has been suggested that Hon. D. C. Gillett, of Tampa, who was extremely efficient in helping to get the appropriation from Congress to fight citrus canker in Florida and whose picture has appeared in so many of the State papers here of late, has a large political bee in his bonnet and was preparing to run for Congress or governor or some other considerable office. As it had been generally supposed that the entries were all in for the various races, the possible entrance of Mr. Gillett has aroused more than ordinary interest. When he was in Jacksonville one day this week, returning from Washington, the Metropolis of that city sounded him on the question of his alleged political ambitions and from that paper we take the following on the subject, which will be cheerful reading for

some other gentlemen now in the field for office:

"While here Mr. Gillett's attention was called by a Florida Metropolis reporter to the many favorable mentions of his work in the State press during the past few days and to numerous references to him as good timber for governor or United States senator at a future election. While expressing his appreciation of the compliment paid him by his many friends among the editors of Florida, Mr. Gillett again emphatically disclaimed any political ambitions whatever. He is tremendously enthusiastic over the future of Florida, and especially of the citrus industry, in which he has extensive interests. Mr. Gillett says that he will be much too busy in looking after his business to enter the political arena, and that while anxious to serve his State he does not feel that his usefulness lies in the field of public office."

Tampa's Spirit of Unity—

Tampa Times: The spirit of unity, tolerance and brotherliness that characterizes Tampans was clearly shown at Thursday night's meeting at the Centro Asturiano club house, called for the purpose of raising funds for the war-stricken Jews of Poland, in response to President's Wilson's request, and every word spoken was one of inspiration. In that meeting the people knew no Jew or Gentile, Protestant or Catholic—they looked upon no man as other than a son of God; and the generous response made to the call for aid proved that Tampans are always anxious to apply the healing balm of love to the suffering hearts of all nations and races. The demonstration increases our appreciation of the fact that we are Tampans.

Give 'Em Good Scare, Anyway—

Gainesville Sun: No doubt very many are disappointed at the outcome of the trial of the directors of the New Haven road. That the majority of the men were acquitted and that the jury disagreed over the others seems at first glance a miscarriage of justice. But there are some crumbs of comfort in that it is most likely that that very disagreement will act as deterrent to others who may have the disposition to plunder other shareholders, but who will now fear the law. It is something gained that men of the standing and influence of William Rockefeller did not get off scott free. The fact that the jury disagreed in their case at least puts them under a cloud.

Thompson Discharged

Judge Willis yesterday, on habeas corpus proceedings brought by W. P. Dineen, a promising young attorney of this city, discharged C. F. Thompson, held on a charge of conspiring to defraud L. Bohannon of Harlem in connection with a shipment of potatoes. Mr. Dineen was assisted by Attorney J. V. Walton. Judge Willis in giving his decision stated that no criminality attached to any thing Thompson had done.

W. P. Green's Death.

William P. Green, a railway mail clerk running between Jacksonville and Tampa, and residing in the first named city, committed suicide at his home last Sunday by firing a bullet into his breast. No reason is assigned for the act. Green was 38 years of age and leaves a wife and three young children, besides a number of brothers and sisters. He was a very popular gentleman and was a prominent Mason. The body was sent to his old home in Grandin, for interment, and the funeral on Monday afternoon was with Masonic honors.

Potato Prospects.

Unless this cold becomes severe enough to cause a heavy frost, which looks dubiously like it this, Thursday evening, the chances are that the East Palatka-Hastings potato crop will be a record breaker in size. The potatoes show further advancement ever before in the history of the industry in this section, and the crop will therefore be early. Commissioner Tom Waldron of East Palatka, who has 80 acres of well-advanced potatoes, says that the prospects are that the prices will also range high this season, and it would not be surprising if they went to \$10 per barrel. But, then—there is always the danger of frost at this season.

Death of Pioneer Citizen.

In the death of Mrs. Ruth M. Jeffreys which occurred yesterday at one o'clock, Palatka loses one of its oldest and most estimable citizens. Mrs. Jeffreys had been in failing health for some time, but after a paralytic stroke several weeks ago has been failing more rapidly till the final stroke came yesterday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Adelaide J. Merryday, on Reid street. Mrs. Jeffreys was born in Jacksonville seventy-five years ago last April, and had resided in Palatka for over fifty years, and was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church. She was the widow of the late Joseph J. Jeffreys. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Merryday, and six grand-children, Jeffreys, Charles and Frederick Garrett, and Lewington Merryday, all sons of Mrs. Merryday, and Paul and Ruth Smith of Tampa children of a daughter, Mrs. Jasper W. Smith, who died last May. There is also one half-sister, Miss Minnie Blanchard. The funeral services will take place from the Presbyterian church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Howard Gardner was a Wednesday visitor in St. Augustine.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church will hold a called meeting at the parsonage next Tuesday, Feb. 8th at 3 o'clock.

Fire about 8:30 last evening destroyed the home of Mr. Hart, a mile or more down the river in East Palatka. No particulars could be learned this morning.

George W. Bassett, Jr., wife and baby and Miss Beattie Divine of St. Augustine will motor over to Palatka Friday to witness the "Battle Cry of Freedom."

E. M. Earnest of the Earnest Company leaves today for New York where he will meet Mrs. Earnest and with her will continue in the purchase of the usual big spring stock.

Fred Merrill had as his motor guests to St. Augustine Monday, Misses Grizzella Merrill, Josephine Steed, Clara McDonald and Tim Merrill, Jr. The party went over to witness "The Birth of a Nation."

Friends of Mrs. Emma Wilkins, who died at midnight on Wednesday of last week, desire to thank the friends who assisted in her last illness and gave kindly aid in the last sad rites.

Have you noticed the improved appearance of Lieutenant General Ocala Sam, Porter-in-chief to the Putnam House. 'Tis said that even Solomon Isaac in all his glory was never arrayed more gorgeously.

In one party that took in the performance of "Sari" in St. Augustine Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Thorpe Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis, and Perry Ross. In another car were Mr. and Mrs. Edw. L. Mann, with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Barnett.

L. F. Jackson received a telegram on Monday announcing the death of his brother, Tom, at his home in Seymour, Indiana. Mr. Jackson and his daughter, Miss Kate, have spent several winters in Palatka and have many acquaintance and friends who will regret his death.

Miss Margaret Mann, who has been convalescing from a serious attack of la grippe at her house in Mannville, is fully recovered, and is now with her aunt Mrs. Ed. L. Mann, with whom she will make her home for the balance of the term of the Palatka high school.

Capt. and Mrs. Fred Denton entertained a number of guests at a chicken dinner on board the schooner Palatka last Sunday. A delicious dinner was served and all the guests enjoyed it immensely. Capt. Denton, the managing owner of the "Palatka," entertained with much enthusiasm underneath the stately sails which were raised during the day, and when a photograph of the pretty craft was taken in her sea-going rig.

James G. McPherson, A. M. Rust and Peter Corcoran of Saginaw, Mich., Geo. C. Chandler and John F. Rust of Cleveland, Ohio, all directors, officials and stockholders in the Wilson Cypress Company in this city, are at the Putnam House this week for a stay of some ten days or two weeks, and to attend the annual meeting of the Wilson Company. Most of these gentlemen have been coming every year for a number of years and their coming is always a pleasure to many of our people.

J. F. Brand, one of the local realists of Saginaw, Mich., spent some time at the Putnam House.

Dr. J. M. Kelly of Gainesville, candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, passed through the city on Wednesday on his way to Jacksonville. Dr. Kelly is friends to his standard every where he has no more loyal list of supporters than the public school teachers of this State, supporters who count before a knowing as any of his qualifications for this important office. Dr. Kelly has a host of supporters in Palatka and the Putnam county by a large majority.

Still Can Sprint—
The Maxwell touring car which recently ran more than 22 miles without a motor stop was driven by Rev. S. J. measured course near Los Angeles the end of the run and showed even to travel indefinitely at a rate of miles an hour.

Expert Advice.

In his speech before the oil on Tuesday night, just illegal act of the Charter Board, regarding the publication of the new charter in the Postmaster's department, Dr. Kelly said: "The Palatka Morning Post only newspaper which has representative at our meetings, which attended all the meetings was more faithful in his attendance than any member of the board. HE OFFERED MORE TIONS THAN ANY OTHER SON. We thought that his faithfulness and interest in being awarded the publication gave it to him."

Band Concert Saturday

The Second Regiment band its regular Saturday night band concert at the corner of Second and streets tomorrow 7:45.

The following is the program for Saturday night: "March—'America First'"; "Fox Trot"—Arthur Pratt; "Valse"—'Joyful Greeting'.

Chattaway. "The North."

Grundenfelder. "The Highlander's."

rendeau. "Perfect Day," Carrie.

One Step—Dom in New Bay.

Valse—"Sunset in Eden."

Overture—"The New Bay."

Southern Airs—Star Spangled Banner.

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